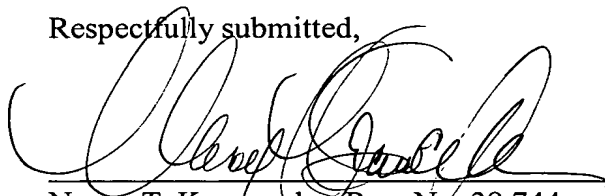


### COMMENTS AND ARGUMENTS

In the parent application, 10/070,983, the rejected claims 2 and 4-13 were cancelled to permit claims 1 and 3 to proceed to issue. Claims 4-8 are presented in this application and have been amended to read "A method of manufacturing a hose length (32)".

In light of the amendments to claims 4-8, Applicants believe the claims now pending in the subject patent application are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to indicate allowability of all the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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